



Transit Advisory Board

Thursday, May 12, 2022

4:00-5:30 pm

In Person Meeting at

Alvarado Transportation Center

100 1st St SW

2nd Floor, Santa Fe Training/Conference Room

Albuquerque, NM 87102

OR

Virtual Meeting (Online) Via ZOOM

Meeting ID: 872 5552 6789

Phone#: 1 669 900 6833 or 1 253 215 8782

Members Present

Christopher Ramirez, Chair (ZOOM); Patricia Salisbury, Vice-Chair (PHONE); Harris Balkin (ABSENT); Ryan Lee Haack (ABSENT); Jennifer Jackson (ZOOM); Don McIver (ABSENT); Rikk Murphy (ABSENT); Steve Pilon (ABSENT); Jacqueline Smith, PTAB (ABSENT)

Staff Members Present

Margaret Lucero, Executive Assistant (ATC/ZOOM); Sandra Saiz, Fixed Route Operations Manager (ZOOM), Andrew DeGarmo, Principal Planner (ZOOM); Carrie Barkhurst, Senior Planner (ZOOM); Megan Holcomb, Project Support Specialist (ZOOM)

Visitors Present

Peter Rice, Downtown Albuquerque News (ZOOM), Althea Atherton (ZOOM); Patrick Burton (ZOOM); Rachel Swanteson-Franz, The Wilderness Society (ZOOM); Dionna Arellano, Constituent Service Rep, City of Albuquerque (ZOOM); Mag Kim, Together for Brothers (ZOOM); Ronald Marr (ZOOM); Daniel Manzano, Deputy Director of Public Affairs, City of Albuquerque (ZOOM), Charles Davis, Assistant City Attorney (ZOOM); Aaron Sussman, Toole Design (ZOOM); Michelle Poyourow, Jarrett Walker & Associates (ZOOM); Alejandro Villezcas, Together for Brothers (ZOOM); Sayid Hossaini, Together for Brothers (ZOOM)

Land Acknowledgement

Chair Ramirez would like to start off the meeting with a land acknowledgement. The City of Albuquerque is on indigenous land and referred to as Tiwa land. That is currently represented by Sandia and Isleta pueblos. We ask for permission and blessing for us to be here and serve the community.

Call to Order

No quorum, meeting is informational only, meeting began at 4:07pm

Approval of Agenda or Additions

Not addressed, due to no quorum

Approval of Minutes

Not addressed, due to no quorum

Public Comment – *Reminder there is a 2 minute limit on Public Comment(s).*

Althea Atherton: *read a poem regarding zero fares*

Daniel Manzano: I want to get your vacancies filled. I've sent nine applications over to Transit staff for review. You can serve 2 consecutive terms.

TAB Chairperson's Report – Christopher Ramirez, Chair

Christopher Ramirez: I'd like to look at multiple approaches to make sure all people on busses and bus stops are safe. I'm still looking into the program Portland has for the Transit ambassadors. There's great concern around Transit Director transitions. I want to have a great leader in the role of Director in Transit. Councilor Sanchez brought up bus drivers not having breaks or lunches and I understand that was negotiated in their contracts. I don't feel safe on public transit now that mask mandate has been removed. I will follow up with Daniel regarding TAB vacancies.

Mag Kim: Shared stories collected on transit dependent riders. "Zero fares is awesome, I am currently homeless and using zero fares to go to my appointments" "It has helped my funds a lot"

Christopher Ramirez: Mayor included 1.5 million to continue zero fares through June 2023.

Director's Report-Sandra Saiz, Fixed Route Operations Manager

Sandra Saiz: Breaks and lunches for drives are a contractual item in 624 contract. MCO's have recovery time at the beginning and end of each trip. Zero Fares draft report is still being reviewed by administration. Ridership for paratransit 11,874 passengers with a 92.2% increase for February. Fixed route ridership 469,247 passengers with an increase of 31.6% for March. ART ridership 146,753 passengers with a 37.5% increase for March.

Transit org chart shared for viewing

East downtown ART infrastructure scope of work was sent to HGR. They are putting together a design for a pin curb and we are waiting on that to come back.

Megan Holcomb: We will be receiving six interns for a seven week program with the first lady. These interns have chosen to do a study on Transit equity.

Sandra Saiz: Please join us on June 4 for bus stop clean up. We'd like to have three teams of ten.

Andrew DeGarmo: Clarifying pin curb infrastructure, we are asking for proposal, then design and construction at the end of the year.

Christopher Ramirez: How does neighborhood or community give input and recommendations for physical changes?

Andrew DeGarmo: Regarding pin curb, we haven't done neighborhood involvement in that.

Althea Atherton: Are driver's licenses required for all City jobs?

Sandra Saiz: Not all jobs require a driver license.

Patricia Salisbury: Can Sun Van drivers call dispatch to let them know I was ready, if customer Service is taking long to pick up the phone?

Sandra Saiz: We're experiencing high call volume and Sun Van drivers can't call dispatch to activate a call

Action Items:

Not addressed, due to no quorum

Information Items:

Michelle Poyourow: *Shared screen on City of Albuquerque Existing Conditions Update slide presentation*
Data collection just now complete, processing and analysis are currently underway.

Shows maps of 2019 frequent service, Investment: Service per Capita 2003-2020, Relevance: Bus Ridership per Capita 2003-2020, Productivity: Ridership Relative to Service Investment 2003-2020

Aaron Sussman: *Public Engagement*, expected to start after summer, engagement strategies include: online survey, intercept surveys, pop-up events, focus groups, asking input and guidance on outreach locations, community groups, Project website.

Michelle Poyourow: *continue to share screen*

Next steps: Briefing to TAB focused on public engagement, More analysis of existing 2022 ridership, rider input and city demographics

Christopher Ramirez: FTA survey, is data available?

Michelle Poyourow: Title 6 survey has been completed, but needs to be reformatted.

Althea Atherton: On graphs shared are their routes that double up?

Michelle Poyourow: We do try to account for places where two routes combine to offer a better frequency.

Andrew DeGarmo: There are routes that overlap each other but do not act together.

Second Round of Public Comment (Reminder there is a 2 minute limit on Public Comment(s).

Megan Holcomb: Can Together for brothers share survey results to include in Zero Fares Report?

Christopher Ramirez: Yes we can.

Adjournment

Meeting ended at 5:37 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 9, 2022; 4:00 PM via online (ZOOM) or in person

Below are the chat messages exchanged during the ZOOM Meeting

00:08:35 Daniel Manzano: dmanzano@cabq.gov
00:10:13 Carrie: try this link:
00:10:15 Carrie: <https://cabq.zoom.us/j/87255526789>
00:15:08 Alejandro Villezcas(T4B): may you come back to me
00:15:12 Alejandro Villezcas(T4B): yes thank you
00:29:57 Christopher Ramirez: Community Safety, Director Transition, Driver/Motorcoach Operator Safety & Breaks, Masks on Buses, TAB Vacancies, Zero Fares Stories & Poetry Month, Zero Fares & Funding in FY23
00:40:55 Christopher Ramirez: christopherramirez@mac.com for any questions about the chair report
00:44:53 Christopher Ramirez: Thanks Sandra
01:07:13 Charles Davis: apologies, I will be popping in and out.
01:08:08 Margaret Lucero, Executive Assistant: PTAB meeting is Tuesday
01:09:01 Christopher Ramirez: Thanks Margaret

01:18:12 Christopher Ramirez: Thanks for clarifying and reminding all of us that we already know “most” riders are not rush hour riders

01:23:31 Mag Kim: Thank you for pointing out that these are national trends and not necessarily specific to ABQ riders!

01:30:28 Christopher Ramirez: Thanks for clarifying about title VI

01:33:40 Mag Kim: Thank you for addressing that, Michelle!

01:37:19 Carrie Barkhurst | ABQ RIDE (she/her): Thank you, Christopher, for all you do!

01:37:31 Dionna Arellano (she/her): Thank you, All!

01:37:35 Althea "Alymay" Atherton: Thank you for your commitment to engaging the public in these processes!